GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1816
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2004
RELAXATION IN PROCUREMENT STANDARD
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government for relaxation in Food Acquisition Quality (FAQ) specification without value cuts for procurement of paddy and levy rice in view of damage caused by the cyclone;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c): Government of Andhra Pradesh has not requested any relaxation in uniform specifications of paddy and rice during Kharif Marketing Season 2004-05. However, the State Government had sought the relaxations in uniform specifications of paddy and rice during Kharif Marketing Season 2003-04 due to cyclone and heavy rain in selected districts. In order to reduce the hardship of the farmers and to avoid distress sale of paddy, Government of India allowed the relaxations in uniform specifications in paddy and rice for kharif marketing season 2003-04 with nominal value cut. Details of relaxations granted are at Annexure -I.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFRRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1816 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 13.12.2004 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Statement showing relaxation allowed in Uniform Specifications of Paddy & Rice in Andhra Pradesh during Kharif Marketing Season 2003-2004

Sl.No.	Comm-odity	Refractions Specifi-cations (max. limit %) granted %	Uniform	Relaxed	Value cut	Name of the district
1.	Paddy coloured sprouted & weevilled grain	Damaged Discoloured Sprouted 10.0 Gr.`A` varieties. Out turn ratio of rice obtained from the paddy procured under relaxed specification has also been reduced by 2%.	3.0	Damaged 4.0 @ Rs. 48 per quintal for common varieties of paddy & Rs.51 per quintal in respect of	For West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur, Khammam w.e.f. 19.1.04 and East Godavari w.e.f. 29.1.04.	
	Immature, Shrunken & Shrivelled grains		3.0	6.0		
	Moisture		17.0	18.0		
	Damaged,Discoloured, sprouted & weevilled grains		3.0	Discol oured 10.0 for common `A` variety of paddy.	@ Rs.10.00 per quintal For Grade	Vizianagaram & Srikakulam districts w.e.f. 29.1.04.

II. Rice & Common 25%	Brokens Raw Rice Gr.`A` 30.0	For West Godavari, Krishna, guntur, Khammam w.e.f. 19.1.04 and East Godavari w.e.f. 29.1.04	
	Par-boiled Gr. `A`& Common 16% 18.0		
Discoloured grains	Raw Rice Gr.`A` & Common 3% 5.0		
	Par-boiled Gr. `A` & Common 5% 8.0		
Damaged grains	Raw Rice Gr.`A` & Common 2% 3.0		
	Par-boiled Gr. `A` & Common 4% 4.5		
Discoloured grains & Common 3%	Raw Rice Gr.`A` 5.0	For Vizianagaram & Srikakulam Distt. w.e.f. 29.1.04.	
	Par-boiled Gr. `A` & Common 5% 8.0		
Discoloured grains & Common 3%	Raw Rice Gr.`A` 10.0 1/4th value cut above raw rice. 1/4th value cut above 5% in respect of Parboiled rice.	For Krishna Guntur w.e.f. 29.1.04 and Srikakulam & Vizianagarma w.e.f. 1.3.2004.	
	Par-boiled Gr. `A`& Common 5% 10.0		